



Celebrating the excellence of technical and adult education in Arkansas

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HEADLINES

Arkansas JAG Shines

The Arkansas Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program has a starring role in the fall issue of Crossroads, a publication of the JAG National Network.

The Page 2 article "Governor Huckabee to Lead Growth Initiative for Arkansas JAG Program" gives the highlights of the state's JAG program and announces that the governor has been invited to serve as a member of the National Board of Directors.

The fall issue also includes articles on the JAG students at Sheridan High School celebrating Custodian Appreciation Day and JAG instructor Sherrie Mays of Bowan Curve being named the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year 2004.

National JAG's mission is to help at-risk and disadvantaged students graduate from high school (or earn a GED and/or develop marketable skills) and then find and keep quality jobs through a state-supported school-to-work transition program.

National JAG Conference

Arkansas was represented at the recent National JAG Leadership Conference in Washington by Teresa Dow, DWE program manager for support for special populations; Terri Bone, the JAG specialist at Sheridan High School, and Rachel Bryant, a Sheridan student.

Bryant was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship at an awards luncheon for her holiday card design, which placed as first runner-up in a National JAG competition. (Click [here](#) for a photo of Bone and Bryant with the winning design.)

During the conference, the Arkansas representatives joined others from across the country in a sing-along with Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul, and Mary), had their photos taken with Miss America, and were inspired by the motivating talks of Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson. They also met Julie Nixon Eisenhower, the vice president of the National JAG Board of Directors, and Sen. Tom Carper of Delaware.

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CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 23

State offices will be closed today in observance of Christmas Eve.

Friday, Dec. 24

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LOOKING AHEAD

Looking for ideas for a meaningful observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Jan. 17?

The Corporation for National Community Service and USA Freedom Corps are sponsoring a Web site (www.mlkday.org) loaded with ideas, tips, and free marketing materials designed to heighten awareness of public service as a way to honor King's legacy. This would be a good resource for teachers, student organizations, and others looking for a meaningful way to "make it a day on, not a day off."

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